

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an illegal use of the public airways and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Please require fairness from Sinclair Broadcasting by requiring that they either balance "Stolen Honor" by airing something such as "Going Upriver" at a similarly popular time or refraining from showing "Stolen Honor."

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.